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June 15, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

## **PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOT CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 (FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Support the increased assessment on properties owned by the County of Los Angeles (County) within the boundaries of the existing City of Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1 for the operation and maintenance of the street lighting system at a proposed increase of \$64 per year from the current maintenance assessment of \$0 per year, subject to an annual inflation adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) not to exceed three percent per year, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to cast the ballots in support of the increased assessment for the properties.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the proposed increase in assessment to the existing City of Santa Fe Springs Lighting District No. 1 will allow for continued maintenance, service, and operation of street lighting improvements within the proposed district. The district contains County-owned Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 8009-023-900, which is the Little Lake Park located at 10900 Pioneer Boulevard; APN 8169-021-900, which is the Los Nietos Community Senior Center and Library located at 11640 East Slauson Avenue; and APN 8026-020-900, which is the Sewer Maintenance District-Central Yard located at 12015 Shoemaker Avenue.

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### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we promote service excellence by providing the public with beneficial and responsive services (Goal 1). Support for the increase to the existing benefit assessment levied against the County property to facilitate servicing and maintenance of public street lighting fills an identified need and supports this strategy.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The existing district's increased assessment is to provide for the continued service, maintenance, and operation of the street lighting improvements. The total assessment to be levied on the County properties for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-05 is \$64; the parcels were previously assessed at \$0. Thereafter, the annual assessments may be adjusted for any increases in the CPI not to exceed three percent annually, normal Southern California Edison Company energy increases, or by a re-balloting of property owners.

The assessments will be paid by the Rent Expense Budget. The total amount can be charged to the occupying departments: Parks & Recreation, Community and Senior Services, the Public Library, and Public Works. The financial cost of paying this increased assessment can be absorbed within the departments' FY 2004-05 appropriations.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

As a result of the passage of Proposition 218, property owned by government agencies became subject to assessment by various County and non-County assessment districts on July 1, 1997. The County, like other property owners, is able to cast ballots supporting or opposing the assessments and its ballots will be weighted to reflect its proportionate share of the total assessment. Publicly-owned properties are not exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit. The agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned oppose the action.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval to increase this existing benefit assessment will contribute to public safety through continued operation and maintenance of the public street lighting system within the assessment district.

**CONCLUSION**

It is requested that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted Board letter to the CAO, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Department of Community and Senior Services  
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Public Library  
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